

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0001] The present invention relates to abrasive sheets, such as sand paper, glass paper, or any sheet material used for sanding or polishing, and more particularly, to a universal abrasive sheet that can be utilized with sanding or polishing machines having ~~platents~~ platens with different configurations.

Please replace Paragraph [0005] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0005] Because there are multiple commercially available sanders having ~~platents~~ platens with different configurations, different sized replacement sandpaper sheets have been needed for each of the different commercially available sanders with differently configured ~~platents~~ platens.

Please replace Paragraph [0006] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0006] In view of the foregoing, the present invention provides a universal abrasive sheet that can be utilized with different commercially available sanders having ~~platents~~ platens with different configurations. Specifically, the present invention provides a universal abrasive sheet including a sheet material being provided with a first configuration adapted to be used with a first ~~platent~~ platen configuration and having first segments defining areas of weakened material, wherein the sheet material is adapted to

be separated along the first segments to change a configuration of the sheet material to correspond with a second differently configured platen. The sheet material also includes second segments defining regions of weakened material, wherein the sheet material is adapted to be separated along the second segments to change a configuration of the body portion to correspond with a third differently configured ~~patent~~ platen.

Please replace Paragraph [0013] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0013] Figure 2 is a plan view of the abrasive sheet of Figure 1 with the replacement tip portions removed from the sheet material, and the sheet material configured for use with a larger sized ~~patent~~ platen;

Please replace Paragraph [0014] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0014] Figure 3 is a plan view of the sheet of Figure 1 with the sheet material being adapted to be used with an intermediate sized ~~patent~~ platen, according to the principles of the present invention;

Please replace Paragraph [0015] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0015] Figure 4 is a plan view of the sheet of Figure 1 with the sheet adapted for use with a small sized ~~platen~~ platen, according to the principles of the present invention;

Please replace Paragraph [0019] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0019] With reference to Figures 1-6, the universal abrasive sheet 10, according to the principles of the present invention, will now be described. The universal abrasive sheet 10 of the present invention can be adapted for use with various commercial sanders having ~~platens~~ platens of different configurations. First, the universal abrasive sheet can be adapted to a configuration as shown in Figure 2 in order to provide an abrasive sheet 10A that can be utilized with a larger sized ~~platen~~ platen configuration. The universal abrasive sheet 10 can also be adapted as an intermediate sized abrasive sheet 10B (as shown in Figure 3) for use with an intermediate sized ~~platen~~ platen configuration. Finally, the universal abrasive sheet 10 can be adapted for use as a smaller sized abrasive sheet 10C (shown in Figure 4) for use with smaller sized ~~platen~~ platen configurations.

Please replace Paragraph [0021] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0021] The iron-shaped portion 12 defines the abrasive sheet 10A, as shown in Figure 2, which is adapted for use with a larger sized ~~platen~~ platen configuration. The large size abrasive sheet 10A includes a body portion 20 and a tip portion 22 separated

by segments 24 defining regions of weakened material along which the tip portion 22 is separated from the body portion 20. The tip portion 22 is generally square or diamond shaped, although other shapes could be utilized. The tip portion 22 is capable of being removed and turned 180 degrees and reapplied to the ~~platen~~ platen so that both working points 22A, 22B of tip portion 22 can be utilized until worn out. When both working end portions 22A, 22B of tip portion 22 are worn out, replacement tip portions 14A, 14B can be utilized as replacements. Replacement tip portions 14A, 14B are each provided with segments 26 defining regions of weakened material that allow replacement tip portions of the same size as tip portion 22 to be separated from the replacement tip portions 14A, 14B.

Please replace Paragraph [0022] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0022] As shown in Figure 1, the universal abrasive sheet 10 is provided with segments 30 defining regions of weakened material that allow separation of the intermediate sized abrasive sheet 10B as shown in Figure 3 for use with an intermediate sized ~~platen~~ platen configuration. The intermediate sized abrasive sheet 10B includes a body portion 32 and a tip portion 34 separated by a segment 36 defining regions of weakened material. The tip portion 34 can be separated from the body portion 32 along segment 36, turned through an angle of 120 degrees and re-positioned adjacent the body portion 32 in order to change the working point 34A-34C when one of the working points becomes worn out. The triangular configuration of the tip portion 34 allows for three working points 34A-34C to be utilized.

Please replace Paragraph [0023] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0023] Again with reference to Figure 1, the universal abrasive sheet 10 includes segments 40 defining regions of weakened material that allow the smallest abrasive sheet 10C to be separated from the universal abrasive sheet 10. The smallest abrasive sheet 10C includes a body portion 42 and a tip portion 44 that are separated by segments 46 defining regions of weakened material. The tip portion 44 can be separated from the body portion 42 so that when the working point 44A of the tip portion 44 becomes worn out, the tip portion 44 can be removed and turned 180 degrees and re-applied to the ~~patent~~ platen so that the working point 44B can then be utilized until it also becomes worn out. When both working points 44A, 44B of tip portion 44 are worn out, replacement tip portions 14A, 14B which are removed from the universal abrasive sheet 10 (shown in Figure 1) can be utilized as replacement tip portions.

Please replace Paragraph [0024] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0024] As best shown in Figures 5 and 6, the universal abrasive sheet 10 includes a support medium 50, such as a mesh, web, or sheet supporting on one side a layer 52 of abrasive material and a resin; and on the other side, a layer of loops or eyes 54 of a hook and loop-type fastening system. The loops or eyes 54 are designed to cooperate with hooks or loops on a ~~base~~ patent platen (not shown) of a sanding machine or polishing machine in order to hold the abrasive sheet 10 in position on the

base of the sanding or polishing machine. By using a hook-and-loop fastening system, the tip portions can easily be removed for replacement or rotated and reinstated in position on the base of the sanding or polishing machine. The specific embodiment shown provides tip portions 22, 44 having two working points 22A, 22B; 44A, 44B and a tip portion 44 having three working points 34A-34C. Although not specifically disclosed in the drawings, tip portions having four, five, six, seven, etc. working points, could, in theory, alternatively be used.

Please replace Paragraph [0026] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0026] While the shape of the abrasive sheets 10A-10C have all been disclosed as being generally iron-shaped, it should be appreciated that other shaped universal abrasive sheets may be utilized in accordance with the principles of the present invention in order to allow a plurality of abrasive sheet configurations to be achieved for accommodating the different sizes and shapes of ~~platens~~ platens of various sanding and polishing machines.

Please amend the Abstract section of the specification as rewritten in amendment format:

A universal abrasive sheet is provided for a sanding or polishing machine and includes segments defined by weakened regions that allow portions of the universal abrasive sheet to be removed in order to adapt the abrasive sheet to alternative ~~patent~~ paten configurations. Each of the different configurations of the universal abrasive

sheet can be provided with an individualized tip portion which can be separated from a body portion and either repositioned or replaced in order to change the working point of the tip portion when it becomes worn out.